

Approved APRN Licensure Certification Organizations and Exams

Green = Exam focus population aligns with APRN Consensus Model

Purple = Exam population is Pre-alignment

APRNs certified using "Pre-alignment" exams shall maintain practice aligning with that exam; they may maintain certification for licensure by endorsement/renewal. All certification programs offer a renewal option for exams that retired or that will retire.\*

| APRN Role                                      | AANP-CP<br>American Academy of Nurse Practitioners – Certification Program | AACN<br>American Association of Critical-Care Nurses | AMCB<br>American Midwifery Certification Board | ANCC<br>American Nurses Credentialing Center   | NBCRNA<br>National Board of Certification & Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists | NCC<br>National Certification Corporation  | PNCB<br>Pediatric Nursing Certification Board |  |
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| CNM<br>Certified Nurse Midwife                 |  |  | CNM-<br>Women's<br>Health                      |  |  |  |   |  |
| CNP<br>Certified Nurse Practitioner            | FNP-Family Across the Lifespan, Primary Care                               | CNP-Adult-Gerontology Acute Care                     |  | CNP-Adult-Gerontology Acute Care   |  | CNP-Women's Health /Gender Specific  | *CNP-Pediatric Primary Care                   |  |
|  | CNP-Adult-Gerontology Primary Care   |  |  | CNP-Adult-Gerontology Primary Care   |  | NNP-Neonatal   | CNP-Pediatric Acute Care                      |  |
|  | CNP-Adult (Retired)  | CNP-Adult Acute Care (Retired)                       |  | FNP-Family Across the Lifespan, Primary Care   |  | *PNP-Pediatric Primary Care NP [is being discontinued by ANCC] exam will be offered by PNCB<br>Candidates deemed eligible for the ANCC PPCNP board certification examination will be able to test or retest through December 31, 2019. |   |  |
|  | CNP-Gerontology (Retired)  |  |  | CNP-Psychiatric-Mental Health Across the Lifespan (Formerly known as Family Psychiatric-Mental Health) |  | CNP-Acute Care   |   |  |
|  |  |  |  | CNP-Adult  |  | CNP-Gerontology  | CNP-Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health           | All in purple are retired.               |
|  |  |  |  | CNP-Adult  |  | CNP-Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health  |   |  |
|  | CNP-Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |
| CRNA<br>Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist |  |  |  |  | CRNA-Family Across the Lifespan  |  |   |  |
| CNS<br>Clinical Nurse Specialist               |  | CNS-Adult-Gerontology                                |  | CNS-Adult-Gerontology  |  |  |   |  |
|  |  | CNS-Neonatal   |  | CNS-Pediatric  |  |  |   |  |
|  |  | CNS-Pediatric  |  | CNS-Gerontology  |  |  |   | CNS-Adult Health                         |
|  |  | CCNS - Critical Care (Retired)                       |  | CNS-Adult Psych-Mental Health  |  |  |   | CNS-Child/Adolescent Psych-Mental Health |

Certification exam not available for CNS focus area: Women's Health/Gender Specific or Family Across the Lifespan See changes to ANCC Pediatric Primary Care Exam